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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 680
By Beavers

A RESOLUTION to honor George Andy Cook, 2000 Valedictorian
of Smyrna High School.

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that this General Assembly should honor those individuals who through their natural talents and unflagging commitment have achieved excellence in their academic careers; and

WHEREAS, George Andy Cook is one such outstanding student who has distinguished himself as valedictorian of the 2000 graduating class at Smyrna High School; and

WHEREAS, through long hours of diligent study, steady composure during examinations, and untiring commitment of time and talent, Andy has achieved extraordinary academic success, and has joined the ranks of the elite students in Tennessee and our nation; and

WHEREAS, Andy has been recognized by his receipt of the Senior Academic Award, the Chemistry II Award and the Bausch and Lomb Science Award; and

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WHEREAS, demonstrative of his intellectual prowess and inner drive, Andy has attained a perfect grade point average of 4.0, thus ensuring his inclusion on the honor roll for four years; and

WHEREAS, this remarkable young man is the pride and joy of parents George and Donna Cook; and

WHEREAS, his talent and potential have been recognized by one of the most prestigious universities in the nation; Andy will attend Vanderbilt University on a full academic scholarship; and

WHEREAS, Andy received a National Merit Scholarship; and

WHEREAS, Andy placed first in the Middle Tennessee Science and Engineering Fair in 1999, and placed 2nd in the UT Martin State Science Bowl in 1998; and

WHEREAS, he was accepted to the Global Youth Leadership Council in 1999, and participated in Youth Leadership Rutherford in 1999-2000; and

WHEREAS, this remarkable young man participated in American Legion Boys State in 1999; was accepted to the Governor's School for the Sciences in 1998 and 1999; was a National Chemistry Olympiad Individual State Finalist in 1998 and 1999; was selected All-Mid-State Band in 1997 and 1999; and posted a perfect score on the National Latin Exam in 1997; and

WHEREAS, Andy's dedication to excellence is clearly deserving of the respect, admiration, and commendation of this legislative body; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That we hereby commend and honor 2000 Smyrna High School Valedictorian, George Andy Cook, on his impressive academic achievement, and extend to him our best wishes for a happy and successful future.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.